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Matthew/Rod - I'm attaching a letter from the City of Enterprise that I think they wanted us to include in the package we had indicated we'd send to you for inclusion in the record on Toquop. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Mr. Rick Sprott  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

RE: Comments on the Toquop Energy Project

Dear Mr. Sprott:

These comments are submitted on behalf of the City of Enterprise, Utah (the "City"). The City appreciates the Utah Department of Environmental Quality providing an opportunity for the public of southern Utah to comment on the proposed Toquop Energy Project and its potential impacts on our communities.

While the City takes no position on the relative merits of the Toquop Energy Project, we submit these comments for the purpose of emphasizing that coal, used in accordance with applicable state and federal air quality laws and regulations, is and will continue to be a vital source of energy on which we must all rely for generating a major portion of our growing needs for electrical power in Utah and the entire Nation.

As a municipal entity, we provide many services vital to our communities and our citizens. Among the most important is supplying electrical power. As a consumer and supplier of electrical power, we recognize the challenge of meeting the public's rapidly growing need for reliable and affordable electrical power while preserving the high quality of the environment in southern Utah. Coal is among the most efficient, reliable, abundant and economic sources of energy readily available for generating electrical power in the West.

Rejecting projects simply because they propose to use coal is imprudent and contrary to the economic realities we all face. Simply put, coal has a vital role. The growing demand for electricity generated in an environmentally sound manner must be met by a combination of approaches, including conservation, enhanced efficiency in generation, transmission and use,

development of renewable and other alternative sources, and continued use and development of traditional energy sources, including coal.

The Toquop Energy Project, as any similar project in Utah or surrounding states, must be carefully scrutinized to ensure that it obtains the required air quality approvals and meets all applicable state and federal air quality and other environmental regulations. The project should be rationally and fairly evaluated in light of need and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, but not dismissed out of hand or opposed simply because it relies on coal for its source of energy.

Sincerely,



S. Lee Bracken

Mayor

cc: Cheryl Heying, Director of Air Quality